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Re: Application of Minoru USUI, Noriaki OKAZAWA, Satoru HOSONO and Tomoaki TAKAHASHI  
**INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS**  
Our Reference: Q53288  
**PCT/JP98/02898, filed June 29, 1998**

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit the attached papers for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Attached hereto is the application identified above which is a translation of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP98/02898, filed June 29, 1998, comprising the specification, claims, thirteen (13) sheets of drawings, Preliminary Amendment, Foreign Language International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 with reference. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$ 840.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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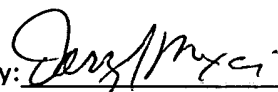
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